



## Arizona Department of Child Safety

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Preliminary Report	Fatality	3/20/19
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**Amendments to the information originally posted on 2/14/19 are displayed below in red.**

**1. Victim:** Dezlyianna Lopez – 2-month-old female

**2. Date of notification to DCS:** 1/22/19

**3. Date of fatality:** 1/26/19

**4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:**

Dustin Jose - 2/4/19

Joycelyn Lopez – 3/11/19

**5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pima County – Tucson, AZ

**6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Dustin Jose – age 22 – Tucson, AZ

Joycelyn Lopez – age 20 – Tucson, AZ

**7. Circumstances of the fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:**

On January 22, 2019, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding two-month-old Dezlyianna Lopez who was found unresponsive by her father, Dustin Jose. The child was taken to the hospital where she later died on January 26, 2019. On February 4, 2019, the father, Dustin Jose, was charged with first degree murder and child abuse. **On March 11, 2019, the Pima County Juvenile Court found through a dependency proceeding that the child's mother, Joycelyn Lopez, neglected the child when she failed to seek medical attention for Dezlyianna.**

**8. Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the current alleged perpetrator(s)\*\*:**

DCS has received no prior reports involving Dustin Jose.

DCS has received the following prior report involving Dezlyianna **and Joycelyn** Lopez:

On November 2, 2018, a report was received alleging neglect to Dezlyianna by her mother, **Joycelyn Lopez**. The investigation assessed the child as safe and the allegation was unsubstantiated.

**9. Actions taken by DCS in response to the fatality:**

A joint investigation was conducted with the Tucson Police Department.

**10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:**

Following an assessment of child safety, the other child in the home was placed in licensed foster care.

**11. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:**



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The Department is providing services to the family.

\*The determination that a fatality or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect is based one or more of the following criteria: (1) The perpetrator(s) arrest related to the incident, (2) Substantiated finding(s) linking the alleged perpetrator(s) action(s) to the fatality or near fatality and/or (3) Results of the Medical Examiner's report.

\*\* Information released after July 3, 2015 provides reports, or any current or past cases, of abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807.01(A)(1)(e).  
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